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Planners O. K. Drafts for Two Traffic Projects

Underpass and Grade Separation Program Is Revised

The National Capital Park and Planning Commission today approved preliminary plans thus far drawn for the proposed Scott Circle underpass and the grade separation at Fourteenth street and Maine avenue S.W.

The plans were presented to the commission by Capt. H. C. Whitehurst, director of highways, who has made important revisions in the studies since requested to do so by the commission at its April meeting.

Thomas S. Settle, commission secretary, said the commission felt the plans were taking shape according to its studied viewpoint, but would have to be subject to further study by the commission and the Co-ordinating Committee, of which Capt. Whitehurst is a member.

Mr. Settle said that if and when Congress appropriates funds for the two traffic-easing projects, detailed working plans will have to be drawn and submitted to the commission.

Would Enlarge Reservation

Principal revision made by Capt. Whitehurst in the Scott Circle plan, Mr. Settle said, had been to insure that the circle itself and the Daniel Webster and Dr. Samuel Hahnemann memorial park reservation, which flank it on the east and west, will not be diminished in size and have their character destroyed to solve traffic problems. Secretary of the Interior Ickes and officials of the National Park Service became perturbed recently over the implications held for the memorial reservations in Capt. Whitehurst's initial plan.

They appealed to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee handling the 1941 District supply bill to amend the measure to require the Secretary's stamp of approval on the underpass plan.

Latest plans, Mr. Settle said, make the reservations, and particularly the circle, even larger than at present. The circle, under the new plans, will be underpass by Sixteenth street and will wind up as an ellipse, 185 by 220 feet. It now is a circle with a diameter of 120 feet.

Mr. Settle said the commission today approved that portion of the Fourteenth and Maine grade separation which takes Fourteenth street over the complicated intersections involving the north and south Tidal Basin drives, Fifteenth street, Maine avenue and East Potomac Park drive from Hains Point. How traffic on the latter arteries is to be handled still has to be worked out satisfactorily, he said.

Funds in Measure

Funds for the grade separation working plans are incorporated in the 1941 bill, while funds for the entire Scott Circle project are included in the bill as it passed the Senate.

The commission also was scheduled to take up a plan submitted by the Georgetown Citizens' Association for the by-passing of traffic around Georgetown's narrow streets, plans of the office of National Capital Parks to rehabilitate the Francis Scott Key house in Georgetown and make of it a boathouse serving the C & O Canal Parkway, revised plan for beautification of the tract around Fourteenth street N.W. from the Commerce Department, plans for improving the view of the Jefferson Memorial from the Mall, plans to extend transit service to new Government buildings in the Southwest section, additional purchases for the George Washington Memorial Parkway between the District line and Great Falls, plans for a bridge across Rock Creek between Chevy Chase and Kensington, Md., several requests to rezone property along Washington street in Alexandria, plans of the Capital Transit Co. for the streetcar terminal building at Barney Circle, western terminus of the new Sousa Memorial Bridge, and plans for the further development of Washington's recreation system.

Fieldhouses Considered.

Included in the latter are plans to include fieldhouse facilities in the basement of the Rudolph School, plans for the improvement of Langdon Park, including a fieldhouse there; and plans for increasing the number of tennis courts and baseball diamonds throughout the city. Yesterday afternoon the planners made a tour of some of the localities coming up for study at the meeting. They touched at the new Washington Airport and then surveyed building development along the Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway near Alexandria, and touched at Key Bridge, where plans may ultimately call for a plaza at the M street terminus and that section of Massachusetts avenue it is proposed to widen.

Jewish Appeal Group To Report Progress

Pushing the drive to aid refugees through the United Jewish Appeal, workers in the men's and women's division of the campaign were scheduled to hold a meeting at the Jewish Community Center today to report their progress.

A total of 1,800 contributions was reported at a rally of the youth division of the campaign in the center last night. The goal of the three-week campaigning, which is now half over, is 7,500 contributions. Rabbi Isadore Breslau, co-chairman of the campaign, told workers at the youth division rally that the threatened spread of war to South-eastern Europe has meant new difficulties for the relief workers abroad.

"The German occupation of Holland has placed in jeopardy 150,000 Dutch Jews as well as 21,000 German refugees who had found temporary haven in the Netherlands," he said. A large number of refugees in Norway and Denmark have been arrested, he added.

Anna Neagle Finds War News Has a Familiar Sound



Anna Neagle is shown looking at a misty Washington today through a telescope atop the Washington Hotel.

—Star Staff Photo.

Capt. Miller Heads New Traffic Bureau; Revamp Move Seen

Maj. Brown Believed Planning Modernization Of Entire Department

Appointment of Capt. Arthur E. Miller as inspector in charge of a new Traffic Investigation Bureau was believed today to be Police Chief Ernest W. Brown's first step in a general plan to modernize the whole department.

Maj. Brown said the new bureau would be established and equipped in the near future under direction of Capt. Miller, who has spent most of the past year studying modern traffic control and investigation methods at Northwestern University's Traffic Institute.

The new bureau, it was believed, will be the first of several changes, possibly including the consolidation of various bureaus, to be put into effect about July 1, although Maj. Brown declined to discuss his plans in detail at this time. Capt. Miller's promotion by the Commissioners will become effective June 1.

Records to Be Centralized.

Maj. Brown now is working on plans to modernize the filing systems of the department, called "anti-quoted" by some officials who did not wish to be quoted.

Records of crime and criminals will be centralized and brought up to date in line with filing systems of various Federal departments, it was said.

Capt. Miller, an expert on traffic safety, will work on public education, traffic law enforcement and engineering improvement projects. He was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death last Thursday of Inspector Benjamin A. Lamb.

Inspector William E. Holmes will continue in his present capacity as District supervisor of traffic, it was said.

One of Capt. Miller's new duties will be to address civic groups on traffic safety measures.

Miller Joined Force in 1919.

Appointed to the Police Department in 1919, Capt. Miller was made a sergeant in 1923, a lieutenant in 1931 and a captain in 1935. He graduated this month as class and valedictorian of his class at Northwestern University Traffic Institute, where he has been detailed since last September. Since holding the rank of captain he has been head of Precincts 3 and 4, having been transferred to the latter precinct in July of last year.

Men slated to fill the vacancies created by the promotion of Capt. Miller are Lt. Walter T. Storm, acting captain of Precinct 3, to be a captain; Sgt. James E. Silva, night inspector, to be lieutenant; and Pvt. Howard Covell, attached to Inspector L. I. H. Edwards' office, to be sergeant.

2,000 'Cousins' File Claims, Stumping Court in Will Case

By WILLIAM A. MILLEN.

When Miss Mary Frances White, 75, died here in April of last year she left a will providing that each of her "cousins" should receive \$1,000 from her estate estimated at \$570,000.

With the death of the testator, Col. Theodore L. Cogswell, covered with more than 2,000 applications of kin claimants—hundreds from Ireland and some from New Zealand—District Court was asked today to define the term "cousins."

Attorneys William F. Kelly, Henry W. Schorn and F. J. J. Nicolalde, who filed a complaint against the principal beneficiaries named in the will, which included a number of Catholic University institutions, fear that the term may be so broad that the number might be endless.

Miss White made her will May 12, 1938, and later wrote two codicils. The lawyers figure that by the time taxes and other expenses are paid, value of the estate will drop to about \$400,000. Attorney Nicolalde said he and his colleagues expect an early trial, probably in the fall term of District Court. Filing the suit in District Court were Francis P. White and George I. Borger, who were named executors in the will. Miss White left \$5,000 to Holy Cross College at Brookland, D. C.; \$10,000 to the Catholic Charities of Washington; \$5,000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor; \$5,000 to St. Joseph's Home and School; and \$5,000 to the pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, as well as an equal sum to Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore. Other beneficiaries also were named.

Harmony Urged To Liberalize Retirement Act

Ramspeck Warns Federal Workers on Anniversary of Law

Addressing several hundred Government workers who crowded the Departmental Auditorium last night for an observance of the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Service Retirement Act, Representative Ramspeck, Democrat, of Georgia, chairman of the House Civil Service Committee, called on Federal employees to reconcile their differences over proposals to liberalize the law, "so we can improve it and protect it."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Civil Service Commission, and was addressed also by Mayor La Guardia of New York, who as a former member of the House aided in the passage of the original act.

Present also were Edward Keating, editor of Labor, former Democratic member of the House from Colorado and author of the original Retirement Act which was succeeded the statute now operative, 10 years ago. Representative Crowther, Republican, of New York and former Representative Addison T. Smith, Republican, of Idaho, who also were instrumental in getting the legislation through.

Again Sounds Warning

Mr. Ramspeck, referring to the failure of a liberalized retirement bill to pass last year when certain employee groups balked at raising the employee contribution from 3 1/2 to 5 per cent of pay, warned as he has done on previous occasions that the Government workers will have to pay more to get added benefits, as the annuity level now is far above that of the Social Security Act and the Railroad Retirement Act. Maintenance of the system right now, he continued, is costing the Government 8.38 per cent of the total pay roll—a situation he emphasized is designed to stir antagonism on the part of the general public, and bring a demand that Federal workers be put under social security.

The Georgian blamed employee leaders in those cases where the membership opposed larger contributions, declaring they had been remiss in acquainting their members with the operation of the retirement system.

"I venture the assertion that not 10 per cent of the employees who come under the act are acquainted with the facts about it will object to paying 5 per cent," he added.

Permits Retirement Change

This contribution would care for a plan under which an employee could retire, or be retired at the option of the Government, at the age of 60, after 30 years service. Mayor La Guardia, who came from New York especially for the meeting, commented on the size of the crowd and recalled "a time when Government employees couldn't get in a Government building for a meeting."

The New Yorker declared the Civil Service Retirement Act had paved the way for social security in this country.

Harry E. Mitchell, president of the Civil Service Commission, introduced the speakers and with Commissioners Lucille Foster McMillin and Arthur S. Flemming discussed the benefits that have accrued to the Government, the employees and the public through the operation of the retirement system.

Lewis H. Fisher, chief of the retirement division of the commission, welcomed the guests and introduced Frank Whitted, who was born into slavery on January 1, 1840, and retired from the Government Printing Office 12 years ago.

The United States Marine Band and the Symphonic Chorus of the Agriculture Department gave a musical program.

More than 900 crew members and officers of three Holland-American line ships tied up in Hoboken, N. J., have asked the American Red Cross to obtain information about their families in the Netherlands, the Red Cross national headquarters announced today.

Most of the men were from Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague, each subjected to heavy bombardment during the Nazi invasion. The inquiries were being prepared in printed form aboard one of the ships, the luxury liner New Amsterdam, forwarded to national headquarters, and then sent by clipper plane to the International Red Cross in Geneva. Co-operation of the German Red Cross has been assured in servicing this type of inquiry, it was said.

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Children's Crusade Benefit to Be Tonight

Arrangements have been completed for the presentation of the Children's Crusade benefit show tonight at 8 o'clock at Roosevelt High School. The show, a burlesque version of "East Lynne," will be given by drama and choral groups of third division school teachers and is sponsored by nine parent-teacher associations.

Full endorsement of the benefit has been given by Mrs. C. D. Lowe, president of the District Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Dr. Julia Hahn, supervising principal of the third division.

Virginia Alumni Elect

Thomas C. Barringer was elected president of the Washington Chapter of the University of Virginia Alumni Association at a meeting last night at the Carlton Hotel. He succeeds Dr. William B. Marbury. Other officers elected are Dr. Le Roy Hyde, vice president; Boynton Livingston, secretary, and John Bomar, treasurer.

Traffic Record

The traffic record, as revealed at police headquarters for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Fatalities, none. Accidents, 26. Motorists arrested, 2. Pedestrians arrested, 347. Pedestrians injured, 6. Pedestrians arrested for violation of pedestrian control regulations, 2.



RECRUITS FOR AN EXPANDING ARMY—One of the many who applied for enlistment at the local United States Army recruiting station, 631 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., today was Charles T. Edward, left, of Bethesda, Md. Sgt. Raymond A. Hoskins looks on while the necessary papers are being signed.

Defense Measures Double Capital's Army Recruiting

Daily Applications at Local Office Number More Than 50

Applications at the Washington recruiting office have doubled since President Roosevelt's recent call for greater national defense, Maj. Seth Gayle, Jr., officer in charge, said today.

The office, at 631 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., is handling more than 50 applicants a day. Of these, about three-quarters are accepted, Sgt. Norman W. Morgan, recruiting officer, said.

During a typical forenoon, seven men were examined today. Of five accepted, four were original recruits and one a re-enlistment. Three men will be sent to Fort Monroe, Va., to join the Coast Artillery, one to Fort Benning, Ga., for the infantry, and the re-enlisted man returns to the headquarters company here.

The office telephone has been kept busy with calls for information on how to get into the Army. Many of these calls, Sgt. Morgan said, are about the Air Corps.

Local Staff Increased

This corps area is expected to recruit 2,700 men by the end of June. Of these, between 400 and 500 are expected to be taken into the Army through the Washington office, a subsection of the Baltimore area office. Because of the increased work the staff of the local office has taken on four extra men.

A survey of recent applicants shows most of the men are about 20 years old and have had two years of high school education. Most of these are unemployed, out of school approximately six months.

Few transients apply at the local office, Sgt. Morgan said. They are required to have a statement from the chief of their home town police as well as a record of their previous employment, he explained.

Maj. Gayle said the two local radio stations of the National Broadcasting Co. have allotted time to the local office for appeals to join the Army. Beginning next Monday night, the program will be heard over stations WMAL and WRC from 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The series, which will be on the air five Monday nights will feature music by the 12th Infantry Band.

Advertisers' Aid Requested

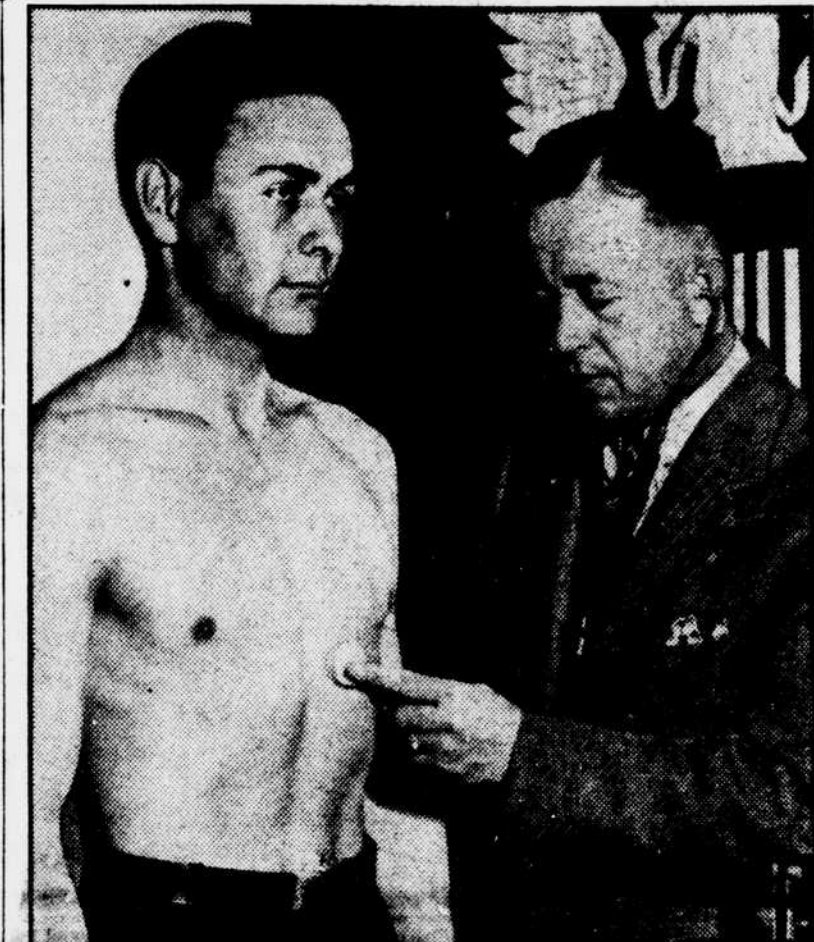
To augment the recruiting drive, Maj. Gayle has written a number of local advertisers asking co-operation. He asked the advertisers to include substantially the following in their copy: "We favor adequate preparedness for national defense and recommend enlistment in the United States Army to eligible young men."

One of the large city advertisers replied: "I am instructing our advertising department to follow through with such publicity as will best serve the purpose."

Considerable correspondence has poured in the local office, Sgt. Morgan said. One letter from an unidentified professor challenged a recruiting officer to a race from the office to the Washington Monument and back. Sgt. Morgan said this was one of the many ways applicants have tried to prove their physical fitness.

Drive for 15,000 Planned

The Army normally needs 73,000 men a year to fill vacancies through deaths, physical disability and other severances from the service. The ranks will be filled through new enlistments, re-enlistments and broken service enlistments. Over and above this a drive will begin Monday to recruit 15,000 men by July 1. After the first of the fiscal year 38,000 more men will be sought, it was said today. Congressional authority



Munroe W. Brunell of St. Paul, Minn., is examined by Dr. Seth Gayle. Recruits have choice of services and assignment location.

—Star Staff Photos.

McKinley Dramatic Club Tournament Set Tonight

McKinley High School's Dramatic Club will give its tournament of plays tonight at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium with four groups competing for two silver cups.

One award goes to the best actor and the other to the best cast. The competition was organized 12 years ago by Miss Rhoda Watkins, a teacher interested in dramatics.

Of the four groups competing two will represent the senior class, one the juniors and one the sophomores. The senior play will be "The Sire de Malesherbes' Deer," and "Black Stage." The juniors will give "The Commoner" and "Performance" and the sophomores "A Tantrum." Judges will be Miss Watkins and Father Reginald Coffey.

Why Must They Die? No. 21 Killed in Traffic Same Date Last Year—33

One of a Series of Factual Analyses of D. C. Traffic Fatalities

The place: Twenty-sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue N.W.

The accident: A 13-year-old boy was fatally injured when he and a 15-year-old companion were struck by a westbound automobile while standing in the extreme west end of a button safety zone on Pennsylvania avenue at Twenty-sixth street. The victim's body was thrown about 30 feet onto the streetcar tracks. He died two hours later in Casualty Hospital. Inquest testimony revealed that the boy died of a fractured skull and a compound fracture of the left leg. His companion was admitted to the hospital suffering from a brain concussion. Witnesses testified that the car traveled about 70 feet through the safety zone before striking the two boys. Police said there are only two buttons on the zone and both are on the western end.

The time: About 9 p.m., May 18. Weather: Clear. Visibility good. The street: Straight with a slight downgrade.

The vehicle: A 1935 coach. Brakes on the car were described by the police as perfect. The windshield was clear, and the lights were on at the time of the accident. The driver told police he was traveling about 15 miles an hour.

The driver: A 32-year-old man with 15 years' driving experience and no previous accident record. He testified he did not know he was driving through a safety zone, because he was a resident of New Jersey and had never been in the District before. He said he did not see the boys until just before striking them. There were skid marks 15 feet before the point of impact, police said.

Coroner's jury verdict: The driver was held for Police Court action under the Negligent Homicide Act.

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\$20,000 D. C. Liquor Study Recommended

Tentative Report of Subcommittee Asks Tighter Regulation

By JAMES E. CHINN.

An appropriation of \$20,000 for a comprehensive study of the liquor situation in Washington is recommended in the tentative report of the subcommittee of the House District Committee which recently completed an investigation of the liquor control situation here.

The report, covering 22 pages, makes a number of other recommendations, most of which are designed to tighten liquor enforcement regulations in the District. It was written by Representative Eberhart, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the special subcommittee.

Mr. Eberhart's report is tentative and his recommendations may be changed before the other members of the subcommittee pass on it.

Critiques Chairman

The Eberhart report, at the outset, criticizes the chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, whose name is not mentioned in the report. Thomas E. Lodge is chairman of the board.

It is charged in the report that witnesses before the subcommittee which restigated the liquor situation accused Mr. Lodge of being "arbitrary, capricious, and lacking the restraint which is so desirable in an official occupying a quasi-judicial position."

The report stresses that Washington should have "the best system and administration of control" of the "troublesome problem" of the sale of liquor.

Another paragraph suggests that the \$20,000 for the investigation should be taken out of the revenue of the A. B. C. Board and points out that this fund would constitute only a "relatively nominal investment."

There are a number of recommendations in the report. Outstanding among the recommendations are:

1. That residents of Washington be given the privilege of determining by popular vote where a liquor license should be issued.

2. That the sales of liquor be restricted to adults only.

Newspaper